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## Blessed deluge

**By ANDY COURT**  
The weekend's heavy storms boosted this season's total rainfall to 30 per cent of the annual average, but it also brought power black-outs and road closures. The first snows fell on Mt. Hermon.

The rain will continue today and tomorrow and possibly even through Tuesday, according to the Beit Dagan meteorological office. Showers with isolated thunderstorms and generally colder temperatures are forecast for today.

Motorists stranded on flooded roads and homeowners who called in the fire department to pump out their living rooms may have been irked, but water officials were delighted.

More than 100mm. of water fell yesterday in Tel Aviv and Beit Dagan, 72mm. in Jerusalem, 14mm. in Beersheba, and 8mm. in Mizpe Ramon in the south.



The rains came, and a 'new lake' is formed near the Yarkon Park in Tel Aviv yesterday. A fire engine tries to extricate cars from the flooded area. (Ya'akov Shaltiel)

"It's not just good, it's fantastic," said Water Commissioner Tzvi Yishai. He said that over 200mm. of water has fallen since the beginning of October. About 550mm. would be considered a good yearly rainfall, whereas the 350mm. that fell last year was insufficient, he said.

The level of Lake Kinneret has

risen more than 12cm. since this season's first serious rains, Yishai said. What's more, the present rain will not only save farmers weeks of irrigation, but will begin to fill the aquifers further below the surface.

The heavy rains and strong winds caused extensive damage and dis-

ruption, particularly to power supplies and on main roads.

There were power failures in areas of Tel Aviv, Petah Tikva, Kiryat Gat, Hadera, Afula, Netanya and Nahariya, said an Electricity Corporation spokesman. He said that about half the country had been affected.

## Reagan's men split over arms for Iran

**By WOLF BLITZER**  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent and agencies

WASHINGTON. — President Reagan is facing heavy fire within his administration over his reported authorization of Israeli weapons shipments to Iran.

The transfers of arms and spare parts to Iran beginning some 18 months ago were reportedly made in a bid to secure the release of American hostages held in Lebanon.

Secretary of State George Shultz and Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger, while informed of the decision to open a direct channel to the Iranians, were reportedly opposed to the policy from the start. The Washington Post reported yesterday that the White House kept the Central Intelligence Agency in the dark in the hope of avoiding any

premature disclosures. Under U.S. law, the CIA must report all clandestine operations to Congress.

Some U.S. officials expressed fear that Shultz, reportedly deeply angered by the policy, might even resign in protest. There was said to be less chance that Weinberger would resign, they said.

On Friday, White House Chief of Staff Don Regan, who supported the covert plan, which was run by the National Security Council, appeared to draw a distinction between himself and Shultz in a television interview. "I'm a team player," he said, "and I stay on the team."

Shultz, returning to Washington from Paris on Friday, told reporters that he remained opposed to any negotiations with terrorists for the release of American hostages in Lebanon. But he said he had been ordered by the White House not to comment on reports that the U.S.

had authorized weapons transfers to Iran in part to win the release of the hostages.

"The White House is in charge of the executive branch, and they have issued a statement that all questions shall be answered by the White House," he said. "And that's why I say, 'Ask the White House,' and I have no comment to make myself. I don't particularly enjoy it. I like to say what I think about something."

The New York Times reported yesterday that Reagan had personally approved a broad plan for secret contacts with Iran 18 months ago.

Quoting administration officials, the newspaper said the contacts were intended to improve relations with Iran, end Teheran's support for terrorism and revolution, and help gain the release of the American hostages.

The plan did not mention sup-

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French Prime Minister Jacques Chirac, left, with Interior Minister Charles Pasqua at a Gaullist party meeting in Paris yesterday. (Reuters)

## Chirac denies he said Mossad 'framed' Syria

**By DAVID HOROVITZ**  
London  
**and WOLF BLITZER**  
Washington

France will adamantly oppose any attempt to reduce diplomatic links with Syria at tomorrow's EEC foreign ministers' meeting in London, but the British Foreign Office remains confident that 11 ministers will approve its "package of four" punitive measures against Damascus.

Whitehall was dismayed by reports on Friday that West Germany's Helmut Kohl had claimed that the Mossad, and not Syria, masterminded Nezar Hindawi's April 17 attempt to blow up an El Al jumbo jet. It was further shocked to hear that French Prime Minister Jacques Chirac had lent a sympathetic ear to such a claim. The "Israeli Plot" theory was offered by Syrian President Hafez Assad last month in an interview in Time magazine.

A Washington Times interview

with Chirac, in which Kohl's "findings" were cited by the French leader, has since been dismissed by both Bonn and Paris.

Arnaud de Borchgrave, editor of the paper, claimed that the French leader had told him that Kohl and German Foreign Minister Hans Dietrich Genscher believed that the Mossad, aided by Syrian dissidents, masterminded the terror operation to embarrass Damascus.

Bonn denied this, calling the story in the paper owned by the Moonie cult, "pure invention." Chirac stated that the "interpretation" of comments he made in the interview was "totally without foundation."

"Neither the Germans nor the French ever imagined" any kind of participation by the Israeli secret service in the Hindawi affair, Chirac added.

In Jerusalem, government officials said they were staggered by the report. "It's unbelievable. The story

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## Rafi Levy in court

### Powerful official held for bribery

**By YORAM GAZIT**  
and MYRA NOVECK

Raphael (Rafi) Levy, the all-powerful Jerusalem District commissioner, was on Friday identified as the "senior government official" being held on suspicion of fraud and bribery. But the name of the senior Christian clergyman also being held in the case was not released for publication.

Police told a packed Tel Aviv Magistrates Court on Friday that Levy was suspected of illegally securing Jerusalem identity cards for West Bank residents. Such cards allow the bearer to carry arms, obtain National Insurance benefits and use Israeli vehicle licence plates, which permit free mobility than the blue plates issued to West Bankers.

The clergyman is suspected of having bribed Levy to obtain such cards for his friends.

Also being held in the case are two prominent Ramallah residents, a mother and son.

Levy was remanded for 12 days, as was the clergyman, who is also suspected of illegal possession of weapons, drug smuggling and illegally taking foreign currency out of the country. The police sources said that both suspects had been under lengthy surveillance. A search of the clergyman's house revealed seven guns, a machinegun and an as yet unpublished urban master-plan of Jerusalem, the police said.

Levy is also suspected of obtaining VIP cards, which allow unhindered passage over the Jordan bridges, for persons not entitled to them. Levy is further suspected of speeding up the issuing of building permits for his friends, and of revealing future building plans in exchange for favours.

Levy became district commissioner in 1974, after four years as acting



Rafi Levy. (Isaac Harari)

commissioner. Before that, from 1950 to 1969, he was the Interior Ministry's Jerusalem District officer for Arab affairs and prior to the Six-Day War he was the main liaison officer with the Jordanian authorities at Mandelbaum gate.

The 62-year-old native Jerusalemite, who is considered to have

excellent contacts with the Arab community, began his career under the British as a department head in the Mandatory foreign currency division in Jerusalem. He was part of the Hagana's Arabic department and after the War of Independence served in army intelligence.

In addition to his civil service connections, Levy has formidable family ties. He is related by marriage to the powerful Sasson clan, which has had contacts with the Arab elite since before the State.

## Who was stinging whom?

**By WALTER RUBY/Jerusalem Post Correspondent**

NEW YORK. — U.S. Attorney Rudolph Giuliani, the New York-based federal prosecutor who earlier this year indicted Israeli General Avraham Bar-Am and 16 others for allegedly plotting to sell \$2 billion in U.S. weapons to Iran, was reportedly himself involved in the Reagan administration efforts to trade arms shipments to Iran for freedom for U.S. hostages in Lebanon.

The New York Post cited unnamed administration and law enforcement officials as saying that Giuliani used a shadowy Iranian named Cyrus Hashemi — whom he had charged in 1984 with plotting arms shipments to Iran — as a double agent in order to set up the arms smuggling "sting" leading to the arrests of Bar-Am and a disparate group of Israelis, Americans, and Europeans last spring.

Hashemi then was said to have offered to help the

administration make back-door contacts in Iran to help to win freedom for the hostages in Lebanon.

The sources said that Giuliani's office was the initial channel for Hashemi's contacts with Washington, and that Giuliani was "personally on the hostage thing himself."

Giuliani refused on Friday to comment on the report.

Hashemi, who has been identified as a cousin of Iranian parliamentary speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani, reportedly the chief Teheran contact for secret dealings conducted by former U.S. national security adviser Robert McFarlane, died in London on July 21. The listed cause of death was leukemia, but William Wachtel, Hashemi's lawyer here, said that Hashemi's death was "awfully mysterious." Hashemi had never been prosecuted by Giuliani, despite the arms smuggling charges against him.

## Vanunu 'didn't collect a big cheque'

**By DAVID HOROVITZ**  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — Missing Israeli nuclear technician Mordechai Vanunu has not cashed a cheque paid to him by The Sunday Times for his expenses, and has not even collected a cheque for a six-figure sum made out to him by the paper for his information concerning Israel's purported "nuclear arsenal."

Also, he has made no use of his bank account in the U.S. since

September 30, The Jerusalem Post was told.

A senior Shin Bet official has been dismissed for a lapse at the Dimona nuclear centre, where Vanunu worked for nine years, according to today's issue of The Sunday Times.

The paper does not name the official, but suggests that he is the first casualty of a long investigation now under way.

According to the paper, Tel Aviv attorney Amnon Zichroni will file a

writ of habeas corpus in the High Court this week on behalf of Vanunu's younger brother, Moshe, to determine Vanunu's whereabouts.

The Independent reported yesterday that when Vanunu arrived in London on September 25, he checked into the Mountbatten Hotel in Covent Garden under the name of Forrester.

Other reports in London at the weekend suggested that Vanunu has

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Leftist Israelis and PLO members at a dinner after their talks in Romania. Story, p. 2.

## Surgeon 'stole eyes'

**Jerusalem Post Staff**

TEL AVIV. — The head of the ophthalmic department of Beilinson Hospital is suspected by police of stealing eyes from the hospital's transplant bank.

Prof. Yitzhak Ben-Sira, 49, was released on NIS 75,000 bail by the magistrates court here on Friday.

The police representative told the court that Ben-Sira took corneas from the transplant bank of the Petah Tikva hospital without the knowledge or consent of authorities. He then allegedly used the corneas for transplants performed at a private clinic and collected a high fee for each operation.

The police did not object to Ben-Sira's release, saying that he had already confessed.

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## First liver transplant patient dies

**By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER**

HAIFA. — Mira Schichmanter, the first person in Israel to receive a transplanted liver, died in Rambam Hospital at 4:20 yesterday morning, 17 days after the operation was carried out.

The cause of death was bleeding of varices (dilated blood vessels) in the esophagus, according to acting hospital director Dr. Albert Sefinger.

Such bleeding is a "normal and common" complication of cirrhosis of the liver, from which the 40-year-old mother of two had been suffering for several years. It frequently causes death.

Sefinger said the liver transplant itself had been successful and the liver had functioned. But the bleeding, caused by her previous condition, had led to a deterioration of her condition.

Elihu Schreier, 59, who also underwent a liver transplant in the hospital, five days after Schichmanter, was yesterday still in a "very critical" condition, with surgeons trying to stabilize his erratic blood pressure. His liver was functioning, and no rejection problems had been encountered.

Dr. Yigal Kam, who headed the team of surgeons that carried out the two transplants, was not made available for comment to the press yesterday.

Sefinger noted that in the first five days after the operation, Schichmanter's condition had improved so much that she was to have been moved from the intensive care to a regular surgical ward. Then the "unexpected" bleeding had occurred, resulting in shock and necessitating a second

operation. She never recovered from the second operation. Another massive hemorrhage occurred early last Thursday, leading to her death.

Sefinger said he could not say how Schichmanter's death would affect the future of liver transplants at Rambam, which had been named as the country's centre for the long and complex operation only two months ago.

"We are not now looking for new patients. But if there should be a matching candidate and donor, we shall carry out the transplant," he said.

Sefinger noted that the first four liver transplant patients had died in the Pittsburgh Medical Centre which is considered the world leader in the field. But the survival rate was now assessed at 75 to 80 per cent.

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Egyptian police conscripts look through the window bars of a truck taking them away from the Supreme State Security Court here yesterday. They face charges arising from their alleged role in riots last February when at least 107 people were killed and 700 wounded.

## New Soviet rules on emigration basically unchanged

MOSCOW (AP). — The Soviet Union has published new emigration rules that Kremlin officials have claimed will speed the process of applying to enter or leave the country, but which appear to give authorities broad grounds for denying such requests.

The rules are the first to be published specifying what the government considers legitimate reasons for emigration and grounds for denying applications. Previously, exit visas were denied or granted without explanation.

They appear to reflect more of an effort to codify existing procedures—already well-known—to would-be emigrants—rather than to significantly loosen emigration policy.

The regulations, which were signed in August and take effect January 1, 1987, appear in the latest list of Soviet government decrees.

Issuance of the decree and recent official statements that the Kremlin was revamping the emigration process appear aimed at deflecting Western criticism of Soviet human rights practices.

Moscow's tight emigration policies have long been an obstacle in East-West relations, although Soviet officials have been more willing to address the issue since Mikhail Gorbachev took power in March 1985.

The decree says emigration applications would be considered on grounds of "reunification with members of one's family, meetings with close relatives, registration of marriage, visiting relatives who are gravely ill, visiting the burial places of close relatives, settling of inheritance questions and other valid reasons."

Emigration requests would be considered on the basis of invitations from abroad from members of an applicant's immediate family.

It says decisions on applications should be made "as quickly as possible"—within one month "as a rule"—but another provision says the review period can be extended for up

to six months in unspecified special circumstances.

Grounds for denial include an applicant's knowledge of state secrets, a reason often cited by Soviet authorities refusing past applications.

Refuseniks have said in the past that the rule requiring a signed document from a parent often has been a major stumbling block in their efforts to leave.



Soviet Defence Minister Sergei Sokolov, who is rumored to be ill, missed Friday's October Revolution anniversary parade in Moscow.

The requirement recently held up an exit visa for the husband of Inessa Fleurova, who was granted permission to emigrate to Israel to donate bone marrow to her cancer-stricken brother. The requirement eventually was waived, allowing the Fleurovs to leave with their two children.

As in the past, an applicant must wait six months to reapply after a denial. Applications can be denied for someone being prosecuted for a crime or serving a prison sentence or for someone who has violated currency or customs rules on a previous trip abroad.

Authorities also may find grounds for denial if the person who sends an invitation from abroad is found to have violated Soviet exit rules.

In the west, the Soviet emigration issue has focused mostly on Jews. Jewish emigration peaked at just over 51,000 in 1979, but has slowed to fewer than 1,000 during the past year.



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## Coup threatens Aquino

MANILA (AP). — President Corason Aquino said yesterday that Defence Minister Juan Ponce Enrile promised to "do his best" to prevent domestic strife during her upcoming trip to Japan.

Meanwhile, two Manila newspapers credited Armed Forces Chief of Staff Gen. Fidel Ramos with preventing a coup.

Aquino, who leaves tomorrow for a four-day visit to Japan, said she referred to rumours of an impending coup with Enrile during a half-hour meeting late Friday. She said she asked the Defence Minister "to assure me that nothing happens while I'm in Japan," the president told reporters. "I told him that, and he said he's going to do his best."

Two newspapers, *The New Day* and *The Manila Chronicle*, reported yesterday that Ramos had headed off a coup during meetings this week with Enrile and senior commanders.

The reports linked Enrile to the alleged plot, codenamed "God Save the Queen," although his aides denied the claim.

Enrile has been a strong critic of Aquino's policies, including her peace overtures to the Communists who have fought 17 years against the government. He also has called for new presidential elections and for



A beleaguered President Aquino at a press conference on Friday.

(AFP)

the removal of several cabinet ministers.

Ramos yesterday said through his spokesman, Col. Honesto Isleta, that he did not want to comment because "it will just grow worse."

Another senior officer, speaking on condition he not be identified, told the Associated Press he had been among those who tried to dissuade dissidents from moves against the government. The military, he said, were divided over the controversy and that even those loyal to the president had serious reservations about the government's direction.

A senior presidential palace source, who did not want to be

identified by name, would not say whether he thought a coup had been planned but said Ramos "told Enrile not to do anything stupid."

The source said computer print-outs detailing plans for the alleged coup had been circulating among senior officials. There was speculation that dissidents may have been circulating rumours of one.

Military officers with links to Enrile had been telling reporters for weeks to expect a "psychological warfare" campaign of rumours and innuendo to increase pressure on the government. Enrile said he knew nothing of any coup. "That's the newspapers talking, not us," he told reporters.

Last Wednesday, the newspaper *Business Day* quoted "high-level sources" as saying the coup plan had raised fears among some officers that it would produce a bloody backlash which would force Enrile to impose either a repressive government or step down. Sources familiar with the newspaper's operations said the report was leaked by military figures linked to Ramos.

The following day, the Armed Forces Press Office released a public statement saying Ramos had ordered commanders to "neutralize" any plots by "military adventurists," Ramos cited the *Business Day* report in his order.

## Hussein urges international aid for the West Bank and Gaza

AMMAN (AP). — King Hussein appealed yesterday for international help in financing Jordan's \$1.3 billion economic aid plan for the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"We must turn to our Arab brethren, friends, peace-loving peoples and defenders of human rights around the globe," the king said as he opened a conference of international investors and aid donors.

Hussein is using the conference to unveil formally his five-year \$9.1 billion investment plan for Jordan itself as well as the separate plan for the West Bank and Gaza.

Critics have charged that the West Bank plan is part of an effort to cooperate with Israel in a dual occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip and to bypass the PLO.

But Hussein said that Jordan's aid was intended "to alleviate the plight of our brethren in the occupied territories."

He said the plans "do not in any way imply acceptance

of a fait accompli (Israeli occupation) and cannot be regarded as an alternative to a just and comprehensive solution."

The tentative plan, which has not been finally approved by the government, calls for Jordan to spend the \$1.3 billion on the West Bank and Gaza through 1990, with about \$300 m. of the sum going for housing.

Jordan has received only about \$4.5 m. in public commitments from abroad — that from the U.S. Most western countries channel assistance to the Israel-administered territories through private aid organizations.

Planning Minister Taber Kanaan told reporters at a briefing Friday that Jordan would spend some of its own money if the foreign assistance fell short. But without enough aid "there would be a compromise on certain ambitions" and some projects "would go unfulfilled."

## Assad vows to hit back for 'every blow' at Syria

DAMASCUS. — Syria will "respond more firmly to every blow" aimed at Damascus, President Hafez Assad said in a speech marking the anniversary of the coup which brought him to power in 1970.

In the speech Friday to the "working classes," the President said: "Our enemies threaten us now with economic pressures, now with military aggression, but they will lose because their threats will have no effect on the struggle of our people."

"All the plots in the past failed, as will the present plot by imperialist and Zionist forces, spear-headed by Britain."

As European Economic Community (EEC) foreign ministers prepared for a meeting tomorrow to discuss Britain's demands for sanctions against his nation, Assad said in a televised broadcast:

"We can stress that it's a losing bet. Such pressures will not have any bearing on the steadfastness of our people nor will military threats intimidate our masses... Our people will foil imperialist-Zionist conspiracies."

Britain cut ties with Damascus last month after a London court aired where testimony linked Syrian diplomats to an attempt to bomb an El Al airliner in April. Syria denied the charge and in return severed ties with Britain.

In Algiers yesterday, EC ambassadors based in Algeria were called to the foreign ministry, and the national APS news agency said relations between the community and the Arab world were discussed. The news agency gave no further details.

Arab League secretary-general Cheddi Khilbi has expressed fears that the London-Damascus crisis might develop from a bilateral issue into a "Euro-Arab problem." He said, in an interview with the French daily *Le Monde* Friday, that sanctions against Syria could "affect the climate of Euro-Arab cooperation."

## CHIRAC ON MOSSAD

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is of course ridiculous," a Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

But interviewer de Borchgrave was standing by his story at the weekend, claiming that he had "got it all down on tape. How could I possibly have misquoted him?"

Chirac, late Friday evening, said he had intended his remarks to de Borchgrave to have been off the record. "As I understand it," he said, "his interpretation went well beyond my comments," referring to de Borchgrave.

The editor told *The New York Times* yesterday that he stood by his story and contended that it had been authorized by Chirac himself.

"If they insist on saying that it was devoid of all foundation, we're going to publish the whole text, which we have on tape, on Monday morning."

After about 10 minutes of the interview, Chirac himself had asked not to be quoted directly because of the sensitive nature of the subject matter, but said he trusted de Borchgrave to paraphrase his "meaning" accurately, said de Borchgrave.

In the article, written under the headline "Chirac told Syria was framed," Chirac said he himself had no information linking Israel with the April incident in London. He said Kohl and Genscher both expressed to him their own conclusion that Syrian dissidents and the Mossad had masterminded the attack on the plane as part of a frame-up of Assad's government.

The Chirac "remarks" were greeted with incredulity in London, where a Whitehall source told *The Jerusalem Post* that "they have never queried our categorical evidence (of Syria's deep involvement in the Hindawi bomb plot) in the past. This is not the first time that the Mossad has been mentioned in this case; our evidence points clearly to Syria."

The source said Britain expected 11 of the 12 EEC nations meeting in London tomorrow to endorse a package of punitive measures banning the sale of military equipment to Syria, cutting back on high-level visits, reviewing the activities of Syrian diplomats and officials in their countries, and tightening controls around Syrian Arab Airlines.

Chirac said at the weekend that France intended to show "solidarity" with Britain on Monday, but there is no intention on the part of the French to break diplomatic ties with Syria.

U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz, in Paris for talks on terrorism, told Chirac that the elements brought to light in the Hindawi trial were "unambiguous and convincing," but Chirac insisted that France would not cut ties because it had "no proof" of a Syrian role in recent terror attacks in Paris.

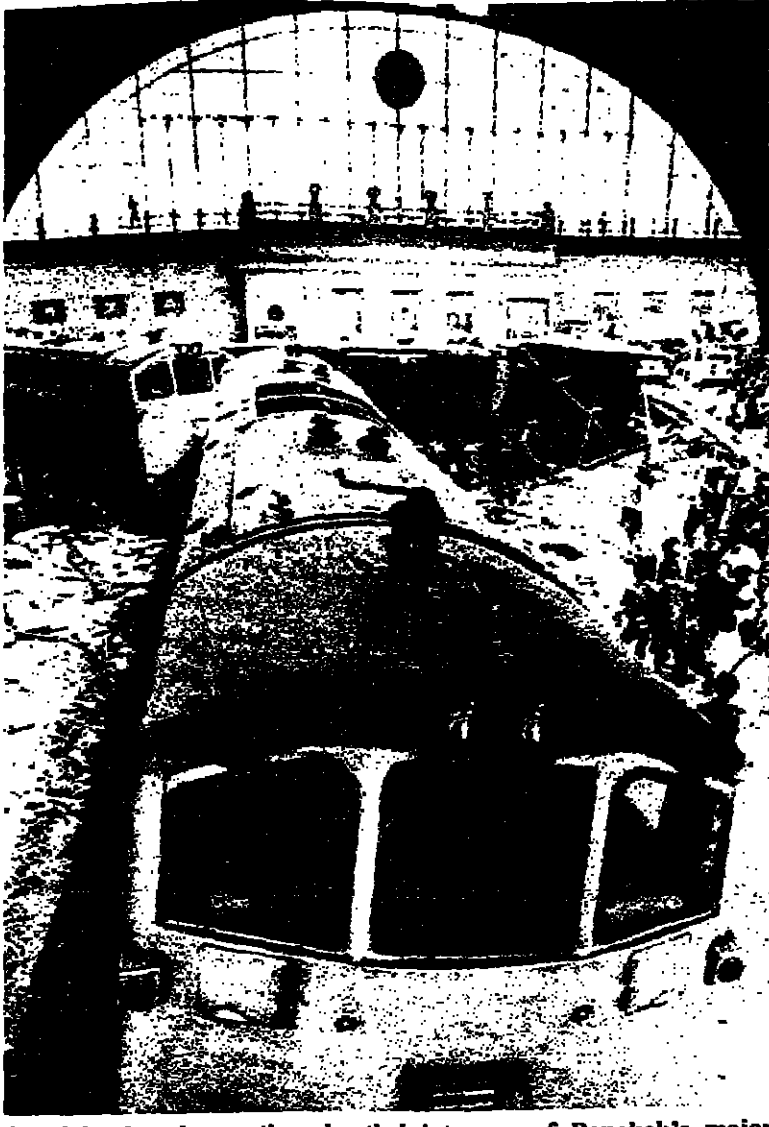
## Zimbabwe denies plot

Zimbabwe has dismissed as "an unmitigated pack of lies" South African claims that it conspired with Mozambique to overthrow Malawi's pro-Western President Kamuzu Banda.

Information Minister Nathan Shamuyarira, in a statement published in Harare yesterday, branded as forgeries documents that South Africa released Thursday, allegedly proving the plot.

South African Foreign Minister "Pik" Botha told a news conference Thursday that documents recovered from the crash site were evidence that Machel, in a meeting with Zimbabwe defence chiefs, proposed the overthrow of Banda's government.

Maputo also issued an angry denial that the late Mozambican president Samora Machel was involved in such a plot.



Six driverless locomotives hurtled into one of Bangkok's major railway stations yesterday at up to 60 kph, killing at least six people and injuring several others, police said. Further casualties reportedly were avoided when authorities used loudspeakers to order hundreds of people off the platform after word was received that the runaway train was speeding toward the station. Officials said it might take several days to determine how the diesel-powered locomotives were set in motion at a repair depot and sped into the platform of Hua Lumpung station.

(Reuters telephoto)

## FOREIGN NEWS IN BRIEF

### Pirates slew 388 Vietnamese

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP). — Armed pirates are known to have killed at least 388 Vietnamese refugees and raped 735 over the past four years. In addition, 588 refugees have been kidnapped by the buccaneers who terrorize the seas from Vietnam to Malaysia and Thailand, said C. Toscani, a representative of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees office here. She said that many other unreported cases also could have occurred in this period.

### Youngest transplant patient dies

LONDON (AP). — Jem Paterson, the world's youngest heart-lung transplant recipient died of lung failure early yesterday, seven weeks after his operation at Harefield Hospital.

Jem received the heart and lungs of a 5-day-old Belgian boy in a six and a half hour operation on September 20 when he was 10 weeks old, and initially responded well. But he developed breathing problems three weeks ago and had to be put back on a ventilator.

### Sri Lanka rounds up Tamil leaders

MADRAS (AP). — Leaders of four major Tamil militant groups fighting for a separate homeland in Sri Lanka were arrested yesterday in a police roundup, then released several hours later, according to a news report.

The United News of India quoted police sources as saying the arrests were meant as a warning against taking up arms against Indian citizens.

One of the Tamil groups had been involved in a clash with local Indians in Madras last week.

### Gold thief executed

PEKING (AP). — A 24-year-old man was executed here yesterday for stealing \$123,900 worth of gold rings in what was called the city's most serious robbery case in three decades, the official Xinhua news agency said.

The report quoted the police as saying Zhang Weifu was executed by firing squad, after he was sentenced to death by the city's Intermediate People's Court in August and following rejection of his appeal.

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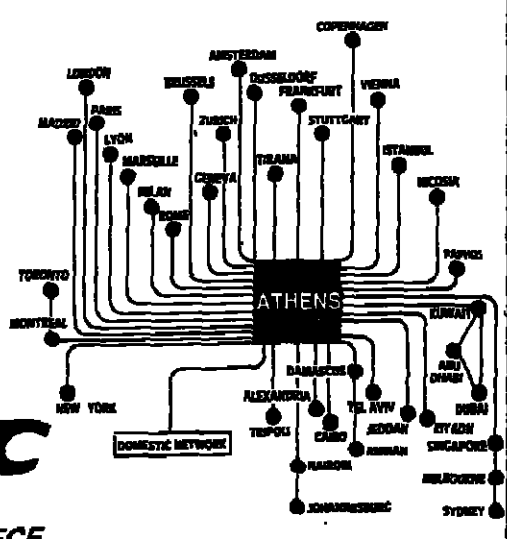
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## Cracking down on Black Hebrews

ties in Israel and in countries with predominantly black populations (Ghana, Bermuda and Liberia), the Black Hebrews here in Israel try hard to keep on the right side of the law.

Asked about the government's policy on deportation of the Black Hebrews, Kahana said that "we don't divulge operative procedures. We don't want to say who is being

But a former cult member not in the U.S. told *The Post* recently that "the Hebrews deported back to the States are trying to regroup to return to Israel. Most of them now have their headquarters in Atlanta."



Radday said that "our analysis was based on 54 countable, objective criteria, and not on content-bound criteria of language behaviour."

"I told them I didn't want to come to eat. I explained that I had found the statue and just wanted to see it. But they said they were sorry, no room."

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TODAY

**JEWISH WOMEN** in America are the victims of negative stereotypes and malicious jokes — a fact which is tolerated by the Jewish community. So contends Susan Weidman Schneider, editor of the American Jewish feminist magazine *Lilith*.

Following the re-issue in paperback of her exhaustive 1984 study, *Jewish and Female*, Schneider has been conducting a speaking tour of U.S. Jewish communities. These communities, she maintains, are the only ones in that country which "allow its women to be so maligned."

To support her accusation, Schneider comes to her lectures armed with evidence, including T-shirts imprinted with the phrase "Princess in Training": posters featuring "The JAP" and a greeting card showing a Jewish mother looking down adoringly at her daughter asleep on satin sheets and saying "May God bless you and keep you rich!"

"What is interesting to me about all this," says Schneider, "is that not only is there no uneasiness about marketing these stereotypes, but that there has been so little protest about the fact that Jews are being disparaged in public."

The popular image of American Jewish women, she continues, is one of the mother as a malignant force and the daughter as a manipulative, spoiled brat.

"We have to somehow appoint ourselves as vigilantes," she exhorts her audience. "You don't hear these kinds of jokes about Baptist women, or Greek-American women."

In her current lecture tour, Schneider presents her generally all-female audience with an overview of the developments and special concerns of American Jewish women over the last decade.

# Self-appointed vigilante

The American Jewish community passively accepts demeaning stereotypes of Jewish women instead of fighting to change them, according to the editor of *Lilith* magazine. Patricia Golan reports.



"While issues affecting Jewish women are often the same as those affecting all women, Jewish women have special concerns," she says. Jewish women as a group, for example, tend to vote differently, to share distinctive attitudes on certain aspects of life and to share an understanding of the past, maintains Schneider.

A recent study she cites, revealed that Jewish women tend to become involved in groups concerned with social policy and change, while non-Jewish women prefer to join organizations with a strictly local focus.

BUT IT is in the realm of personal life that Jewish women have particularly distinctive concerns, insists Schneider.

"Can Jewish women have it all," she asks rhetorically. Is it possible to have a fulfilling career, as much education as one desires and still have a full family life? This question has special meaning for Jewish women.

"We come out of a culture that has

always conveyed the message that 'unless you're married, you're not happy,'" states Schneider. "And since one of the contributing factors to women delaying marriage is long years of study, Jews tend to have a decidedly ambivalent attitude about education, and to feel that education must not get in the way of one's 'main chance.'"

"This stress on marriage makes life very uncomfortable for a lot of women," states Schneider, "particularly as we're entering an age where the big choice is not going to be whether to work, but whether to have children."

Though this is a dilemma for many women who want to "have it all," she argues that it is a particular source of conflict for Jewish women who come out of a tradition which emphasizes both education and marriage.

SINGLE WOMEN tend to suffer the most from this. "Single Jewish women," says Schneider, "feel they aren't being counted as complete

Jews." This "Noah's Ark syndrome," she adds, has alienated many single Jews, and has contributed to a "communal drift."

In her talks, Schneider tries to encourage members of local Jewish communities to be more responsive to the needs of single people.

"The more alien single people feel, the less likely they are to connect or feel positively about their own Jewish identity," she says.

Schneider's brand of feminism, though committed is far from strident. Yet women in Jewish communities where she goes to lecture are often uneasy about her arrival. She is frequently telephoned in advance by organizers asking just how rabble-rousing she intends to be.

"I represent no party line," explains Schneider, who edits the only independent Jewish Women's magazine in the U.S. "I try to present ways in which various branches view feminism. There are a multiplicity of solutions to the problems facing Jewish women."

**SCHNEIDER FORESEES** a favourable reconciliation between Judaism and feminism, even though, she feels that Judaism "has sometimes treated women as second-class citizens."

But, insists Schneider, there has always been "a great deal of growing room within Judaism — which has a history of diversity and dispute about what is correct."

*Lilith* often receives letters from women saying that until they read the magazine, they had never known that there was anything positive about Judaism — an indication, says its editor, of just how alienated Jewish women in America have become.

Schneider points out certain positive changes for Jewish women in America, particularly on the "reli-



HATS OFF TO THE WEST GERMANS: Avant-garde hats turned many heads at the recent 54th Munich Fashion Fair. These creations were designed by West Berliner Mercedes Engelhardt. (Reuters)

gious front" where, she says, "things will never be the same again — not only in the pulpit, but in the way we ourselves experience religious life."

"The welcoming ceremony" (*Simchat bat*) for a new-born baby girl — parallel to the *brit mila* ceremony for boys — is a newly developed custom which, claims Schneider, has gained acceptance in both Orthodox and non-Orthodox circles.

Furthermore, she says, in the general Jewish community, women are no longer afraid or reluctant to assume power. And, she points out, today women are giving charity in their own names, instead of anonymously. "Women are learning that you can buy a lot of clout with your

dollar."

Schneider feels that there has been a maturing of the Jewish community in recent years in dealing with "the darker side of Jewish life": family violence, alcoholism, the new Jewish poor — issues which had been ignored or denied in the past.

**SCHNEIDER'S APPROACH** is not shared by everyone. Recently a (male) rabbi accused her of "taking the rhetoric of the women's movement and imposing it on Judaism."

But, counters Schneider, Judaism was the first religion to value the individual — and this is what the women's movement is all about. "Judaism has always believed in

the concept of *tikun olam* — that our role in this world is to make it better — and what feminism wants is exactly this: a better world where people will be able to share more equitably."

Schneider is among the founders of the Women to Women Foundation — an organization that was set up eight years ago, when the Tel Aviv rape crisis centre was about to close down for lack of funds. The group helps to fund that and other centres in Israel, and supports the local feminist magazine *Noga*.

To date, there has been no reciprocal agreement between *Noga* and *Lilith*, although, says Schneider, there are plans to translate some of both magazine's articles in future.

**THE STUDENTS** sprawled on the grass of the David Yellin Teacher's College in Jerusalem had come from all over the country — Kiryat Malachi, Ashdod and other points, north and south. But their stories were the same.

"I didn't bother much with studying when I was in high school — none of my friends did," said Molly.

"My school gave us so much freedom that I played around all day, and failed all my matriculations," said Yotam.

"My kibbutz school didn't prepare

us for matriculation in those days. It was against their ideology," added Ayelet.

Yotam, Ayelet, and 25 other young men and women went on to complete their army service. Suddenly, out in the "real world," they realized that without a matriculation certificate, all forms of higher education — colleges, universities, teacher's seminaries — as well as many job training programmes — were closed to them. They had no choice but to back-track and pass their exams if they wanted to do

## A second chance in the real world

something with their lives.

David Yellin Teacher's College is one of 32 institutions that offer a "second-chance programme" for these young adults. Some must complete all 22 points needed for *bagrut*; others have to make up the more difficult subjects, such as maths and English.

After 14 months of intensive study, students at David Yellin are tested in the subjects they failed in

high school. Their examinations are written by the institutions' teaching staff, and are approved by the Education Ministry.

Some students need a change from their normal environments to motivate them to study. For them, the Ministry of Education offers the Sela

programme, in which students live on kibbutz, studying three days and working three days in exchange for room and board.

"This is the best thing that could have happened to me. The atmosphere is serious, the teachers are excellent and we get a lot of encouragement to study," said Sela participant Michal.

The kibbutz also benefits, receiving additional manpower, and in

some cases recruiting new members. Now in its third year, close to 1,000 young people are taking advantage of the innovative programme.

**WITH ROUGHLY one-third** of discharged soldiers leaving the army without a matriculation certificate, the new law on pre-academic education which will be coming into effect next September, is a step in the right direction.

The new law will entitle soldiers within three years of discharge to tuition reductions on pre-academic

courses such as Sela. Veterans will pay a maximum of 25 per cent of tuition costs, with fees adjusted according to individual need. More scholarships will be offered, and the Sela programme will be expanded to accommodate additional students. (At present, students pay up to NIS 2,000 to attend the course.)

The Ministry of Education's director of pre-academic education, Dr. Palti Stavi expects the number of "second-chancers" enrolled to double from 5,000 to 10,000 after the new law takes effect.

## 'Strong' women need love, too

Kiley Armstrong / New York

**THE GREAT** American man shortage may not be as bad as some women seem to believe, say sociologists who studied what they call "the feminization of loneliness."

They found that there is no shortage of men in the marriage market — only a practice of men marrying, and remarrying, women who are younger than they are, mostly to impress other men, said Ann Swidler of Stanford University.

She was one of six sociologists who recently presented papers to the American Sociological Association at its annual convention in New York.

Swidler said the phenomenon of men being attracted to younger women even affects young women in colleges, where men of all ages compete for freshmen females.

"When a woman gets to be a senior, her phone starts ringing. Has she suddenly lost her freshness of complexion, her looks, her vitality?" she asked.

The escalating divorce rate worsens the problem, she said, because "men have an enormous range of women to choose from" and often remarry women decades younger.

That leads to "devastating consequences for married women," she noted. "Women are worried about keeping their husbands... It affects the internal power relationships for both husbands and wives, even in enduring relationships."

The findings dispel the theory that diminishing marriage prospects nor-

mally befall "picky women who waited too long," she said.

"Strong, independent women need love just as much as strong, independent men do," said Swidler. "It's imperative to tell women that it's not their fault — that they have gotten better [with age] but they've got a bad market situation."

Unlike medieval times, when men's "attempt to reproduce often consumed the lives of several women along the way," Swidler said status is a bigger factor than fertility when today's men choose younger women.

Younger women have unwittingly reinforced the trend by competing for older, more successful men, she said, because "men provide the meal ticket. Even today, women earn much less than men do."

**IN ANOTHER** paper presented to the convention, University of Southwestern Louisiana sociologists Linda Mooney and Sarah Brabant found that males get less "love" when it comes to birthday cards, and children get less still.

Mooney and Brabant found that more cards for wives, mothers, sisters and other females contain the word "love" than cards intended for males.

"The inability of Americans to express their emotions, coupled with a need to do so, has been a major factor in the success of the greeting card industry," they wrote. (Associated Press)

**MARGO ST. JAMES**, self-styled chairwoman of the International Committee for Prostitutes' Rights has a long mobile face and a sharp way of dealing with poker-faced press questions.

A bone-thin 49-year-old grandmother of three, she is heading the Second World Whores Congress in the unlikely venue of the European Parliament in Brussels with the support of the Green Alternative European Link. The first Congress took place in the Hotel Krasnapolski in Amsterdam last year.

The Congress is aimed at educating hookers and the public alike, at forming alliances with the women's movement, and, most importantly, at decriminalizing prostitution. The policy statements and draft papers might have difficulty putting Ms. St. James into committee-speak.

Do you want to form a trade union? "No, not a union, no, a craft guild maybe."

A loosely based organization? "Yeah, that's right, a loose women's organization."

The Congress represents prostitutes from 11 countries but Ireland, Britain, Spain, Portugal, Greece, Denmark and Sweden are not represented. Germany organized 40 delegates. Canada sent one male prostitute. They all have first hand stories of police harassment, heavy or hidden taxation, and poor working conditions.

Despite her single-minded campaign to decriminalize prostitution and recover the word whore ("the word furthers the cause of the divide and conquer regime") and the activity to which it applies, Margo St. James does not see eye to eye with certain feminist factions who profess to hate the sin and love the sinner.

## A loose women's organization

Liz Barden / Brussels

While all women's groups are united in support of decriminalization of prostitution, not all support prostitution as a way of life. "The professional virgins of the movement," says St. James, rattling off a string of names, "are for the prostitute and not for prostitution." She finds such crusading rescue missions patronizing and divisive.

Neither does she favour the search and destroy attitude to pornography. "We lost support there. Kate Millet said to me it was a mistake to go for porn. It's not all about violence against women. It's the stigma of prostitution and the criminalizing of women which promotes that violence."

St. James is tough-minded enough for her opinions to sit uncomfortably with current feminist thinking. According to her, the working prostitute is resourceful, skilled, a good communicator — and often a rape victim. She doesn't make a big deal about this.

"The hooker can cope. She knows enough to be a counsellor in a rape crisis centre." The damaged goods theory is shown up for what it is — women as economic assets, and personal violation, currently so heavily stressed, amounts to little more than over-sensitivity, she says.

Myths about prostitution and the hypocrisy which surrounds it are successfully punctured by St. James. The prostitute does not die young, usually only works for three or four years in the profession, likes her work and is not disease-ridden.

The AIDS crisis prompted a survey of prostitutes in San Francisco which showed an identical and minimal percentage of positive tests

among prostitutes and non-prostitutes alike. Many non-prostitutes have a greater number of partners than working hookers. Only 5 per cent of VD cases in the U.S. are attributable to prostitutes. St. James is opposed to mandatory health checks for prostitutes.

"I would like to see good health care for everybody who is sexually active — prostitute or not," she says.

**WORLD-WIDE** numbers of working prostitutes are hard to come by, for obvious reasons. "There are," she estimates, "a million working prostitutes in the United States if you include everyone who turned a trick for three months or five years."

Holland has 15,000 prostitutes, Thailand close to 700,000. "The worse a country's economy, the fewer rights accorded to women, the more prostitutes it will have."

St. James wants to see prostitutes allowed to work from home, either alone or with a friend without risking arrest.

At the moment the confusion in the laws relating to prostitution make this impossible to achieve. In the United States, where St. James is in voluntary exile, prostitution is quasi-legal. Girls are registered as masseuses or escorts and work from licenced parlours.

If they have been convicted of prostitution they cannot be licensed to work in the sex trade. 80 per cent of women convicted are black, unable to get jobs in the parlours which are exclusively owned by whites.

"Racism is built into the system," explains St. James, "and the system turns the police, who dole out the licences, into pimps." The parlour owners take 30 to 60 per cent of the prostitute's earnings.

Denmark and Holland are amongst the best places for a hooker to work. In Denmark prostitution is legalized; in Holland hookers work from one of the tolerated clubs. Even in the comparatively-relaxed Dutch atmosphere police talk of "social control" of prostitutes.

Prostitutes in Belgium are forced to register, have the corners of their passports clipped and are subjected

to police harassment. French prostitutes face a fine for street walking. Geneva is considered an O.K. city, although if a Swiss prostitute wants to open a shop she has to prove she has not worked on the game for three years.

Margo St. James now lives in France and works as housekeeper to a paraplegic U.S. army veteran. "He receives an army pension so you might say I'm federally funded."

Arrested by a San Francisco vice cop when she was 25, ("he was kind of wimpy, I felt sorry for him"), she has since devoted her life to championing the hooker.

(London Observer Service)

Today is edited by Amy Levinson.

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## EXECUTIVE CHANGES / Michal Yudelman

## Moshe Mann heads Mizrahi New York

By MICHAL YUDELMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

MOSHE MANN was appointed chairman of the United Mizrahi Bank New York board of directors at last week's board meeting. Former board chairman Aharon Meir announced his resignation from the board at that meeting. Haim Nadi was appointed board chairman of UMB at the bank's board meeting on October 26.

RAMI KUGEL has been appointed comptroller for the Ort Israel network, which consists of 107 schools and 63,000 pupils. Kugel, 51, was born in Israel and joined Ort some 30 years ago as secretary of its first school in Jaffa.

SEMUEL (SAMU) FEDERMAN, one of the owners of the Dan Hotels and former president of the Israel Hotel Association, has been elected deputy president and acting president of the International Hotel Association.

Federman was elected by a large majority of the 800 members of the Association, which convened in Budapest last week. The appointment was widely covered in the Hungarian press, and Federman is assured of being named Association president at its next convention in 1988, the Israel Hotel Association reports.



Dan Hotels' Samuel Federman

MOSHE TASSEL has been appointed marketing director of Entertainment Israel Ltd. In Israel, the company produces a discount guide of 500 businesses, including restaurants, cinemas and recreation facilities.

DR. ADAM LIVNE was appointed last month as the Communications Ministry Chief Scientist. Livne, a Technion graduate, served until now as a senior scientist at Rafael.

ILAN DROR has been appointed Postal Bank Director in succession to outgoing director UZI RAYEH, who served in the post for 12 years.

HAIM BEN-SHAHAR has been appointed outside director by Tadiran's board of directors.

## Egypt quietly adds fourth exchange rate

CAIRO (Reuters). - Egypt has quietly fixed a fourth exchange rate for its currency, the pound, while holding talks with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) on unifying the system, bankers said Friday.

They said the move appeared to run counter to Cairo's declared intention of streamlining its complex exchange rate system, as demanded by IMF officials now negotiating

terms for granting balance of payments support.

The new rate of 1.80 pounds to the dollar applies to expenses of Egyptians travelling abroad on official missions, for medical care or on religious pilgrimages. It appeared designed to curb dollar spending on state-funded business. Bankers said it had been in force for nearly three weeks but was introduced without fanfare.

## SHEKEL FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

COUNTRY	CURRENCY	November 7, 1986	BANK OF ISRAEL Representative Rates
U.S.A.	DOLLAR	1	1.4876
GREAT BRITAIN	STERLING	1	2.1376
GERMANY	MARK	1	2.7258
FRANCE	FRANC	1	2.2225
HOLLAND	GULDEN	1	0.6425
SWITZERLAND	FRANC	1	0.8702
SWEDEN	KRONA	1	0.2132
NORWAY	KRONE	1	0.1981
DENMARK	KRONE	1	0.1928
FINLAND	MARK	1	0.2998
CANADA	DOLLAR	1	1.0785
AUSTRALIA	DOLLAR	1	0.9633
SOUTH AFRICA	RAND	1	0.8610
BELGIUM	FRANC	10	0.3498
AUSTRIA	SCHILLING	100	1.0319
ITALY	LIRA	1000	1.0662
JAPAN	YEN	100	0.9181
JORDAN	DINAR	1	4.2382
EGYPT	POUND	1	0.7862

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

## Sharon: Action must be taken to raise exports

TEL AVIV. - Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon Friday asked Prime Minister Shamir to implement a series of government decisions that were taken but never followed through to increase exports and improve exporters' profitability.

The decisions, which were for the most part approved last June, call for reducing pier levies on imported goods that are intended for use in products for export, financial aid for the electronics industry and finding a way to reduce employers' contributions to the National Insurance Institute permanently.

At a meeting with Manufacturers Association President Dov Lautman yesterday, the two decided to discuss these issues with Shamir. Sharon expressed hope that his plan would be implemented in full.

REUTERS, the world news and information organization, unveiled this week a powerful new colour video terminal, which simultaneously displays prices, graphs and news on a single screen.

The Advanced Reuter Terminal, based on a personal computer, gives subscribers great freedom to choose the way information is displayed. Dealers can assemble their own montage pages of real-time data drawn from different pages in the Reuter Monitor system so that the information display reflects their precise trading requirements. The screen can be divided into a number of windows of varying size so that more than one Reuter Monitor page can be viewed together with currency graphs.

Reuters supplies a wide range of services both to business subscribers and the news media. It obtains its information from 101 exchanges and over-the-counter markets and from data contributed directly by 2,593 subscribers in 69 countries. This information is distributed via 91,062 video terminals and teleprinters and directly into clients' computers.

A DELEGATION OF AUSTRALIAN investors is due here next week to explore the possibility of financing a railroad to Eilat.

It was learned that the Australians are interested in the project both to further their coal exports to Israel and as alternative to the Suez Canal for the export of Australian raw materials and produce to Europe.

They are seeking an alternative because the Egyptians periodically raise canal fees.

The delegation will be official guests of the Industry and Trade Ministry. The railway management estimates that it would take about five years to build a railroad and would cost \$150-\$200m.

## MIDDLE EAST ECONOMY

## Saudi Arabia has more than just oil

Saudi Arabia, seeking to diversify its economy away from oil, is giving a key role to mining of precious metals and other minerals in its industrial drive, according to a Jeddah-based university study.

One of the current five-year plan's specific goals is to develop the kingdom's rich, non-oil mineral resources, said the study, submitted by Mahmoud Ali Darwish of King Abdulaziz University to a scientific conference in Kuwait on Gulf raw materials.

Darwish, chairman of the university's mining engineering department, noted that the plan had set aside \$1.19 billion for spending on mining. The value of the country's recoverable reserves as of the end of last May, when the study was com-

pleted, could exceed \$133.3b, he said.

"The fourth five-year plan (1985-1990) emphasizes the diversification of economy away from oil by the development of industry and agriculture," said the study, co-authored by Muhammad Hamid, an assistant professor in the faculty.

It said Saudi Arabia was seeking "to align the industrialization effort in such a way that maximum effort is made of indigenous mineral resources."

Potential advantages included savings on imports, access to reliable supplies, greater self-reliance in development and prospects for employment and business in rural areas, it said.

The study said remarkable progress had been made in the search for

solid minerals, particularly in the last 15 years, with exploration concentrated on the Arabian shield. This covers roughly the western third of the kingdom's area and contains more than 80 per cent of its known mineral deposits.

"The fourth five-year plan specifically envisages the exploration of 30 gold deposits, 20 copper deposits, 12 niobium deposits and three chromium-nickel deposits," the paper said in reference to envisaged development of metallic minerals.

Yet, notwithstanding finds of significant value in gold and associated silver and zinc, along with copper, their economic potential was much smaller than that for iron, aluminium, phosphate and a number of other raw materials such as magne-

site, gypsum and limestone used in industry, it said.

Iron and aluminium, of which there were large, good-grade deposits, should especially receive "urgent attention" in order to remove a need to import ore, it said.

"These ores are immediately needed for plants in the kingdom or other Gulf countries," it said, referring to a Saudi steel mill at the Gulf port of Jubail and aluminium smelters in Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates.

Although the mining industry was still in its infancy, the study concluded, a good start was expected within the next five years. But, it added, "it may take a further five to 10 years before the industry comes into full swing."

## New site for El Al advance check-in

By JONATHAN KARP

El Al on Thursday opened an office for advance check-in service at the corner of Jaffa Road and Rehov Yirmiyahu, near Jerusalem's Central Bus Station. El Al passengers will now use this location to check in the night before morning flights. The El Al office on Rehov Hillel will now serve as a reservations office only.

Jerusalem Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Kallitz placed the mezuza at the office's entrance. Mayor Teddy Kollek cut the ribbon, and London town crier Alfie Howard initiated the short opening ceremony. El Al president Rafi Harari said the new location, in the Centre 1 commercial complex, will be much more convenient for Jerusalemites.

The office has three check-in counters where passengers can drop off their luggage and receive their boarding passes. The office does not provide any services beyond this, but as one El Al employee said, "The operation will be more professional."

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## Greek price freeze

ATHENS (AP). - Greece is freezing prices until the end of January, the government announced, saying the action was taken to stop price rises that had begun ahead of the introduction of value-added tax on January 1.

It said the prices of all locally produced and imported goods as well as all services would be kept at the levels of November 4 during the freeze period.

## After 2 bad years, GM tightens belt in bid to stage turnaround

DETROIT (Reuters). - Mighty General Motors is moving to correct errors that have trimmed profits for two years in a row just as the U.S. car industry faces its greatest competition ever, industry experts say.

Profits have shrunk even though global sales revenues of the world's biggest corporation are set to pass \$100 billion for the first time this year.

Remedies at GM, which is responsible for nearly 2 per cent of the U.S. gross national product, are expected to cost tens of thousands of workers their jobs as the company tries to regain the confidence of the financial community and buying public.

The investment community has shunned its common stock and its price has gone down during one of the greatest bull markets in history. GM loyalists saw the profits of smaller rivals Ford and Chrysler stay strong or grow.

Ford sells less than half as many cars in the U.S. as GM, but its world-wide profit for the first nine months this year are \$200 million ahead of GM at \$2.5b.

Moreover, GM reported a \$339m. pre-tax loss in the third quarter. Without a profit from its financing subsidiary, a large tax credit and other accounting moves, the company would have had a bottom line in the red.

Competition from abroad has intensified, too. More Japanese-owned car and truck plants are being built in North America, and low-cost imported cars from Korea and

Yugoslavia are stealing sales from the U.S. makers.

Now GM is planning to close several plants and cut heavy spending programmes, including a billion-dollar futuristic plastic-bodied car project. Last week, *The Detroit News* reported the auto maker had decided to shut at least eight U.S. plants with nearly 27,000 hourly-paid workers.

It said last month it would restructure its Australian business to cut losses and sell its South African business. It is scaling down its \$5b. Saturn small car project, which Chairman Roger Smith had described as a key element in assuring GM's survival into the 21st century.

Problems cited by analysts, economists and company insiders included GM's overhead costs, reckoned the highest in the Detroit-based industry. World-wide employment averaged 878,000 thus far in 1986, compared with 805,000 a year earlier. U.S. labour costs average more than \$24 an hour for union workers.

GM plans to cut 25 per cent of North American white-collar jobs by 1990 and lose tens of thousands of hourly workers. This could lead to clashes with the United Automobile Workers Union.

The company had overestimated demand, forcing it to offer costly sales incentives since mid-1985.

It has too many assembly and parts manufacturing plants. Given its shrinking share of U.S. sales, GM's 1986 market share through the third quarter has fallen to 41.3 per cent.

compared with 47.8 per cent of the market in 1978.

GM senior executives also agree that many of its cars look too much alike, while competitors offer bold new styling.

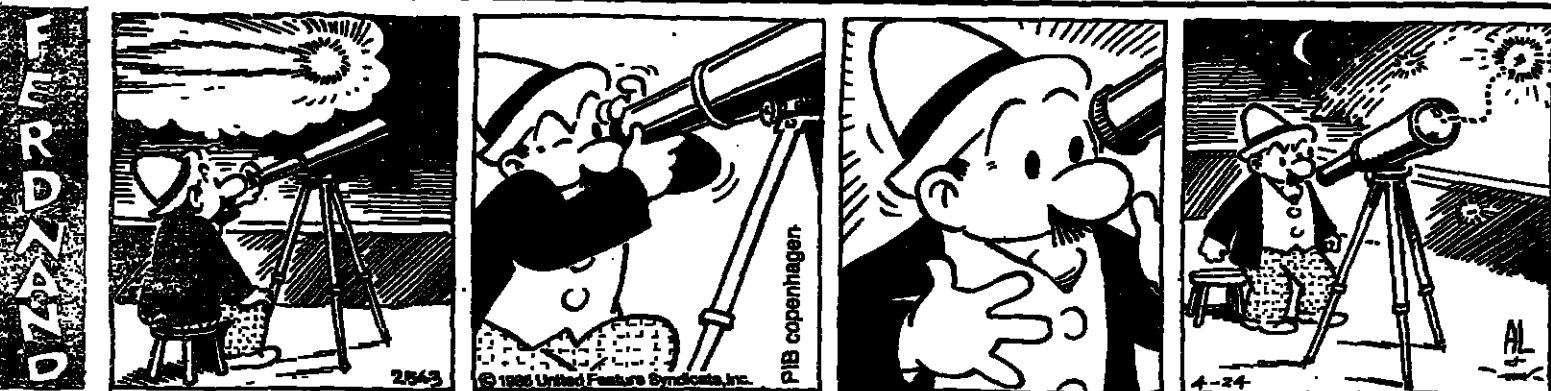
The car enthusiasts' magazine *Auto Week* recently wrote of "the decline and fall of Cadillac." GM's most prestigious division, Buick and Chevrolet also face problems while Pontiac and Oldsmobile are in better shape, analysts say.

Dallas billionaire H. Ross Perot, GM's biggest shareholder and its most outspoken board member, complains top management is out of touch with the business. But he is optimistic that GM has more than enough talent in its ranks to surmount its problems.

And Chrysler Chairman Lee Iacocca, who chides GM for making "dumb" business decisions, last month said he hoped the company would solve its problems because they hurt the entire industry.

Ford Financial Chief Allan Gilmore has also hinted he expects a revival. "I do not sell GM short," he said. "They did not get to a position where they have in excess of 40 per cent of the market entirely by accident."

A U.S. ARMY CONTRACT to develop an electronic periscope for use in tanks and armoured vehicles has been won by Tel Aviv-based Miltron Advanced Technology Ltd. and a West German concern, Aqua T.V.



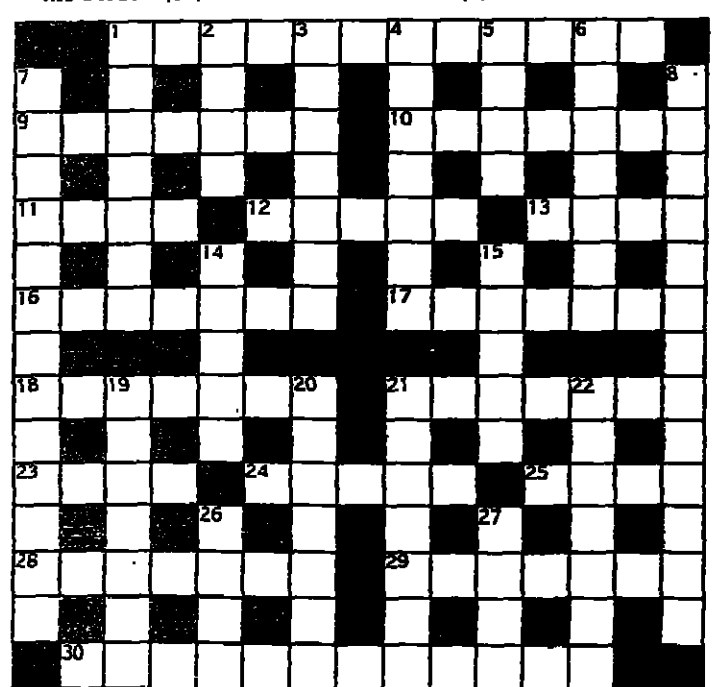
## ONE-ON-ONE CROSSWORD

## ACROSS

- 1 Lavish reception in the House? (7,5)
- 9 See where one had digs once (7)
- 10 Unwanted material covering a period of time (7)
- 11 Keep coming back to take a look (4)
- 12 Sealed and heeled in a Greek island (5)
- 13 Place spinners turn to find (4)
- 16 Food one sold out (7)
- 17 One working systematically with hand press (7)
- 18 Crowd on the French island anything but friendly (7)
- 21 Arrives from down under, inviting one for a drink (5,2)
- 23 Poisonous tree found in and out of 19 (4)
- 24 Writer about a man of figures is a kind of nut (5)
- 25 Show displeasure over the woodwork (4)
- 28 Roman emperor hard on one of the Popes (7)
- 29 Guy getting on in Somerset (7)
- 30 Sweet churned out North of the Border? (12)

## DOWN

- 1 Plainsman revealing it's all up with one reputedly on the 84th (7)
- 2 Spirit 1 find in a celestial body on reflection (4)
- 3 Smoking jackets? (7)
- 4 Record kept by a feller, maybe (5-4)
- 5 Song on an English flower (4)
- 6 Took to wandering as a vagabond... (7)
- 7 ...contemplating the sea-life, perhaps (4,2,7)
- 8 Protection for invention of a new type? (7,6)
- 14 & 15 Flat rates with clear conditions (5,5)
- 19 Bear in North America back in East Germany (7)
- 20 One real change for an English Queen (7)
- 21 Completely confused I catch nothing? (7)
- 22 1 across to this reaches an expected standard (7)
- 26 One worker around isn't common... (4)
- 27 ...though commonly out of funds (4)



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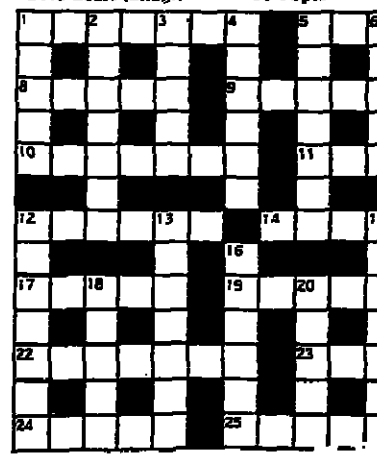
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1 No heart (anag.)



- 5 Balance
- 8 Sandhills
- 9 Condom
- 10 Topic
- 11 Dead
- 12 Pattern
- 13 Calm
- 14 Lowest point
- 15 Geometrical problem
- 16 Ordinary
- 17 Gregarious animals
- 18 Faith
- 19 Enticed
- 20 Mountain range
- 21 Transport
- 22 Speed
- 23 Distant
- 24 Desirous
- 25 Suitable
- 26 Crowded together
- 27 Vigorous
- 28 Circle of flowers
- 29 Amend
- 30 Bear witness
- 31 Italian poet
- 32 Racecourse
- 33 Motorised cycle

## Friday's Solutions

OVER RETIREMENTS  
B E O  
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ACROSS: 1, Toad; 3, Destined; 7, Sensible; 9, Potato; 10, Pantry; 11, Stone Age; 12, Lantana; 13, Events; 15, Threat; 17, Pastries; 19, Retrieve; 20, Lounge; 21, Amount; 22, Censored; 23, Soldiers; 24, Emir. DOWN: 1, Test pilot; 2, Dashi to the ground; 3, Dresses; 4, Suppose; 5, In the near future; 6, Driver; 8, Buy; 14, Suspender; 16, Theatre; 17, Pierces; 18, Solon; 19, Reams.

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مركز من الأمل



# Betar march on; Janno breaks the ice

By PAUL KOHN  
TEL AVIV - Through slippery puddles and torrential rain, Betar Jerusalem marched on as pacesetter of the National League. On Friday, Betar beat Hapoel Lod 2-1 in a 100-000 crowd to open a two-point lead at the top.

Uri Maimilian and Eli Ohanian cracked in a goal in each half, with Yitzhak Ne'eman scoring a late consolation goal for Lod.

Hapoel Kfar Sava returned to second place in the league standings following their 2-0 home win over neighbours Maccabi Petah Tikva, and Maccabi Haifa also gave chase with a 1-0 away win over Maccabi Jaffa. Daniel Brailovsky, Maccabi's \$300,000 acquisition from Argentina, won the extra points for the Haifaite with a goal three minutes before the end. (See Match-Report)

But the happiest players of the day were the reds of Hapoel Tel Aviv, the champions of last season. They scored their first win after seven games of the new season, pipping Hapoel Petah Tikva 1-0 in the last minutes with a goal by Maurice Janno, who headed in a cross from the right by Yehuda Amar.

Playing before 1,500 brave fans under umbrellas and often in heavy downpours, David Schweitzer's men resorted to bombarding the Petah

Tikva goal from all ranges. Ronnie Djerbi, the visitor's goalkeeper, repulsed the Tel Aviv barrage almost singlehandedly - until the Janno header.

Moshe Shal and Eli Cohen, back in the side for the first time this season, controlled the midfield and will give new heart to the Hapoel Tel Aviv faithful, though the strikers again failed to net. The win lifted Hapoel Tel Aviv from 15th to 11th place in the standings.

Maccabi Tel Aviv were another team to return to winning ways after four games, emerging 2-0 victors in an unevenly fought game against Maccabi Netanya, also at the Bloomfield Stadium. Eighteen-year-old Yair Sanduri replaced veteran Oded Machnes as spearhead of the Tel Aviv attack and wasted no time in showing his worth. Already in the first minute the National youth team player fixed onto a loose ball that goalkeeper Arie Haviv failed to hold and drove in from close range.

After that the game was fought mainly in midfield between Tel Aviv's Moshe Shal and Haim Goldberg and Netanya's Shalom Tikva and Haim Bar. The out-of-form Machnes, who was kept on the bench, and injured Eli Dvorkin, who was sent off for a foul, were the only players from the Tel Aviv attack, so it was Alex Natan who clinched the 2-0 result in the 78th minute. Benny Tabak hit the Netanya crossbar twice late in the game and his and Shal's speed gave the edge to the Tel Avivians.

Avi Cohen, the Maccabi Tel Aviv captain, was injured and replaced at halftime by Eli Kibbi.



**SHIER MUDNESS.** - Hapoel Petah Tikva 'keeper Ronnie Djerbi clutches the ball as he and Eytan Bodaniuk (left) deny Hapoel Tel Aviv's Miki Ben-Shitrit (right) in yesterday's exciting rain-soaked action. (Hanoch Guttmann)

**RACE REPORT:** Maccabi Jaffa 0, Maccabi Haifa 1

## Youngsters keep Haifa warm

By MIKE SCHWARTZ  
JAFFA - A wintry storm brewing over the Gaon Stadium in Jaffa was not enough to dampen the determination of Maccabi Haifa who overcame the treacherous conditions to defeat a spirited young Jaffa side by a single goal.

Both sides had trouble adjusting to the wintry conditions, and this was reflected by the ill-spirit in which the match was played. Forwards were constantly frustrated by the many puddles which proved harder to beat than the clumsy defenders, whose mis-timed tackles left one wondering whether they were aiming to win the ball or redecorate shrubs.

This unruly situation climaxed in the 78th minute when Zion Marli, the Haifa fullback who has just returned from suspension, was sent off for an atrocious tackle on Ofer Digny, the Jaffa centreforward.

Haifa supporters who braved the cold and rain must have been warmed by the tenacious performances of two young reserves players, Etai Mordehai and Ofer Mizrahi, who injected enthusiasm into a maturing side that has been lacking motivation.

Especially encouraging is the understanding that is flourishing between Mizrahi, playing for the suspended Baruch Maman, and Brailovsky. Time and again, Mizrahi would win the ball in mid field and feed Brailovsky, who would open the game with a killer pass to Zahi Arnelli. When Mizrahi did take the initiative, and shoot for goal, he displayed a lethal right foot whose long range thrust worried Jaffa 'keeper Lavi Kozmisky. Kozmisky made a great save in the 40th minute from one such effort.

Kozmisky played superbly. He proves his penalty area like a cat and

inspires the Jaffa defence with the confidence he radiates. Time after time he glided through the air to cut off the crosses which Haifa used as their prime source of ammunition and, when Arnelli did manage to break through the middle, the Jaffa goalie's instinctive jab of the knee deflected the ball around the post for a corner.

Kozmisky, however, wasn't able to keep a clean sheet for the entire day. In the 87th minute, Mizrahi let loose a shot from 35 metres. The ball was blocked by the Jaffa defence, but the rebound fell at the feet of Brailovsky who repayed a fraction of the fee paid for him by scoring his second goal of the season.

Jaffa were never over-shadowed by Haifa and if a 75th-minute goal from Digny had not been disallowed, the game might have taken a totally different course.

## BASKETBALL

### Jamchee comes alive

The shape of the country's Thursday evenings throughout the winter will be fashioned in Munich next Saturday afternoon, as the European basketball authorities stage the draw for the final pool matches in the European Cup. Israeli champions Maccabi Tel Aviv will be participating in the final pool for the 11th successful time, a record surpassing that of any other club.

Maccabi made sure of keeping their remarkable run intact with a comfortable win over the visiting Finnish champions Torpan last Thursday night. Doron Jamchee finally got his shooting hand on target and picked up 58 points in the 112-86 Maccabi victory.

The value of the Maccabi effort notwithstanding, it was in Milan that the real miracle of the night occurred. There had been a genuine prospect of the major force in European basketball, Italy, being without representation in the premier continental club championship for the first time. This as Treislar Milan trailed Aris Salonika of Greece by 31 points in the first leg of their final qualifying game.

The Greeks have the fantastic Niki Gallis in their squad, but even he didn't help. Before a wildly excited 9000 home crowd Milan - bolstered by their off-season signing from the U.S., the great Bob McDoo - did the impossible. They won 83-49 on the night, thus registering a three-point victory overall. "Nothing as wonderful happened to me even in the NBA," chortled their \$400,000 American signing.

Going into the draw for the double round-robin schedule of games in the final pool along with Maccabi and Milan will be Shaliger Kovna (Soviet Union), Real Madrid (Spain), Zadar (Yugoslavia) and Ormaiz (France).

The games get under way on December 9. Israel's hopes of having representatives in other European competitions this season were snuffed out on Thursday night when both Hapoel Tel Aviv and Elitzur Tel Aviv's women's team were soundly defeated.

Hapoel, taking a 7-point advantage to Varese, were well and truly thrashed 112-75, while the gallant



**HOT UNDER THE HOOPS.** - Doron Jamchee lays one in. (Hanoch Guttmann)

Elitzur women, who had done a splendid job in holding the powerful Sparta Prague to a one point defeat in the first leg, could not cope with the tall Czechs under the boards and were beaten 100-60.

Focus of local interest thus swings this week back to league action where there are two full rounds of games, tomorrow night and on Thursday.

Monday's games (home teams first): Hapoel Haifa v Elitzur Netanya; Bet. TA v Hapoel Jerusalem; Mac. TA v Hapoel Haifa; Hapoel Haifa v Mac. TA; Hapoel Haifa v Mac. TA.

Thursday's Games: Elitzur Netanya v Mac. Haifa; Hapoel Haifa v Mac. TA; Hapoel Haifa v Mac. TA; Hapoel Haifa v Mac. TA.

## NBA

### Defence sustains Hawks

NEW YORK (AP) - With Dominique Wilkins on the sidelines with a sprained ankle, the Atlanta Hawks are winning with defence.

The 4-0 Hawks, the only unbeaten team left in the NBA, have given up just 184 points in the two games Wilkins has missed, including Friday night's 106-86 victory over the Phoenix Suns.

Kevin Willis and Mike McGee scored 22 points each for the Hawks to balance the loss of Wilkins, the 1985-86 NBA scoring champ, expected to miss at least one more game.

McGee, obtained by Atlanta in a draft-day trade with the Lakers, had three three-point goals and was 8-for-14 from the field against the Suns.

The Hawks never trailed after taking a 3-2

lead in the first four minutes. They extended the margin to 32-20 at the end of the first period and maintained a 55-45 halftime advantage.

Atlanta extended the lead to 84-60 as McGee scored 15 points in the third quarter. He capped and closed the period with three-point goals.

Trail Blazers 120, Mavericks 113. Portland became the last NBA team to get into the win column, but it was an expensive victory as centre Sam Bowie suffered a broken leg in the overtime win over Dallas. Dallas rallied from a 12-point deficit in the fourth quarter to force the overtime.

But Steve Johnson and Terry Porter combined for eight points in overtime to give the Trail Blazers their first victory in five games. Kiki Vandeweghe scored 36 points for Portland.

OTHER SCORES: Celtics 88, Bulls 86; Pistons 115, Bulls 109; Lakers 138, Nuggets 116; 76ers 114, Spurs 97; Bucks 115, Nets 94; Cavaliers 115, Warriors 114.

### Magic is Man of the Year

NEW YORK (AP) - Magic Johnson of the Los Angeles Lakers will be honoured today as the 1986 American Express-NBA Man of the Year in a special ceremony at half-time of the Lakers' game against the New York Knicks.

Johnson was selected in voting by NBA fans for his charitable work, which has benefited such organizations as Special Olympics, Arts for the Retarded, the Boys Club, the

United Negro College Fund and Children suffering from sickle cell anemia.

The guard has been a spokesman for Team (Techniques for Effective Alcohol Management), a comprehensive effort to help save lives by combating drinking and driving, and this summer he organized and ran a black-tie dinner and basketball exhibition game that raised nearly \$400,000 for the United Negro College Fund.

In the balloting for Man of the Year, Johnson received 7,731 votes to 6,955 for runner-up Steve Colter. Isiah Thomas finished third, followed by Michael Jordan and Alex English.

## AMERICA'S CUP

### Dickson keeps New Zealand among top challengers

FREMANTLE (Reuter). - A polished performance from New Zealand skipper Chris Dickson spelled defeat for the third successive day and relegation to sixth spot for Britain's luckless America's Cup challenger White Crusader on Friday.

Dickson won by almost one and a half minutes despite spectacularly blowing a spinnaker on the fourth leg and ceding six seconds to the British boat.

New Zealand remains the only cloud on the horizon for the Americans, who hold half of the top six places in the challenger elimination standings after the sixth race day.

Dickson's victory maintained his share of the top slot with America II, which had an easy day against the ever-improving Italia, winning by one and a half minutes.

The Italians had been as close as 41 seconds back mid-race when the New York Yacht Club

contrant blew a spinnaker as the eight-knot wind built to 30.

Dickson's 5-0 runner, the man who lost the America's Cup to Australia II in 1983, moved up to 31 points and held on to third overall with an easy six and a half minute win over fellow southern California challenger Eagle.

Conner's arch-rival, San Francisco's Tom Blackaller, handed Canada II its fourth successive loss with a U.S.A. showing considerable speed to win by more than four minutes and move to fourth overall.

French skipper Jean Le Cam moved up two places to fifth with an easy win over Chicago's Heart of America.

The last predictable race of the day was the clash between backmarkers Challenge France and Italy's Azurra, whose performances so far have been dismal.

The yacht club Costa Smeralda's Azurra went into the race bottom of the table with just one point - from a victory in the first round over American yacht Courageous IV, which has since retired.

Azurra lost the start but went on to lead round the course and win by two minutes 13 seconds.

The 12 yachts from six countries had their first break in six days yesterday with an official day.

In addition to the Irish, a 35-strong bowling team from Llandely in Wales are currently touring Israel. Led by Geoffrey Pugh, the visitors are playing friendly games at all the country's six bowling greens.

The sports pages are edited by Philip Gillon and Yoram Kessel.

## BRITISH SOCCER

### Ferguson's agony as United slide

LONDON (Reuter). - Alex Ferguson was made fully aware of the size of the job confronting him when Manchester United slid to their seventh defeat of the season by going down 2-0 at Oxford yesterday.

Less than 48 hours after replacing Ron Atkinson in the Old Trafford manager's office, Ferguson, the former Aberdeen and part-time Scotland boss, saw United turn in the latest in a long list of disappointing displays.

Looking nervous and hesitant, United offered little in the way of attacking ideas and Ferguson must have been left wondering how a club which had spent around \$10m, in recent years could perform so ineptly.

Lovely Oxford always looked the more likely outfit and the only surprise was that the fact it took 16 minutes to go ahead, John Aldridge conceding a penalty. But with the United players casting anxious glances in the direction of Ferguson, who left the directors' box to be nearer the action on the bench, the defeat seemed total control and Neil Shaffer put the home beyond doubt when he scored a second goal 10 minutes from time.

United's plight at the foot of the table overshadowed the happenings at the top where Liverpool moved ahead of Notts Forest on goal difference after a smooth 3-1 away win at Queen's Park Rangers.

Forest went down by a single goal away to Coventry, who have been the surprise team of the season, in an enthralling game which was settled by a splendid Nick Pickering effort after 54 minutes.

In recent seasons, Coventry have waged a never-ending battle to avoid relegation but yesterday they left them in the much-touted position of being just three points from the top of the table.

The news that Liverpool had returned to the top was probably received with a resigned sigh throughout the country because the Reds are notoriously difficult to dislodge and neither Forest nor third-placed Arsenal have the strength in depth to seriously challenge the champions in the months ahead.

## SOCCER ROUNDUP

### SECOND DIVISION

W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Bury	4	3	1	18	15
2. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
3. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
4. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
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10. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
11. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
12. Bury	4	3	1	17	13

### After 7 rounds

W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Bury	4	3	1	18	15
2. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
3. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
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10. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
11. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
12. Bury	4	3	1	17	13

### After 8 rounds

W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Bury	4	3	1	18	15
2. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
3. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
4. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
5. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
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9. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
10. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
11. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
12. Bury	4	3	1	17	13

### After 9 rounds

W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Bury	4	3	1	18	15
2. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
3. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
4. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
5. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
6. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
7. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
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9. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
10. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
11. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
12. Bury	4	3	1	17	13

### After 10 rounds

W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Bury	4	3	1	18	15
2. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
3. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
4. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
5. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
6. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
7. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
8. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
9. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
10. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
11. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
12. Bury	4	3	1	17	13

### After 11 rounds

W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Bury	4	3	1	18	15
2. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
3. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
4. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
5. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
6. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
7. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
8. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
9. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
10. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
11. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
12. Bury	4	3	1	17	13

### After 12 rounds

W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Bury	4	3	1	18	15
2. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
3. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
4. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
5. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
6. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
7. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
8. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
9. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
10. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
11. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
12. Bury	4	3	1	17	13

### After 13 rounds

W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Bury	4	3	1	18	15
2. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
3. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
4. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
5. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
6. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
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8. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
9. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
10. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
11. Bury	4	3	1	17	13
12. Bury	4	3	1	17	13

### After 14 rounds

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## Moscow's predicament

AS THE Soviet Union enters its 70th year, some new and often contradictory voices seem to emanate from the Kremlin. Moscow's younger and more modern-thinking leader Mikhail Gorbachev could be seriously pondering the question of the Soviet Union's grave economic and social shortcomings, seven decades after Russia's 1917 Bolshevik revolution.

That revolution which was supposed to show a new light of justice and equality to mankind has, in fact, resulted in one of the most oppressive regimes on the globe.

It must be obvious to the new leaders of the Kremlin that only by halting the prohibitively costly arms race will they be able to improve the lot of the some 350 million people who live in the Soviet empire and in its satellite nations.

Mr. Gorbachev's brief statement on Friday at a Kremlin reception after the Revolution Day parade in Moscow's Red Square is therefore of interest. Despite last week's deadlocked talks in Vienna between U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, Comrade Gorbachev made it a point to stress that there was "no road back" from a new international situation which had developed as a result of his summit meeting last month in Reykjavik with President Ronald Reagan.

In what could point towards a new attitude by Moscow on the thorny question of U.S. "Star Wars" research and readiness—the main issue over which the Reykjavik summit stumbled when both leaders were close to reaching a sweeping disarmament agreement—Gorbachev called on Friday for a new political mentality in which nations "showed respect for the choices made by each other."

That was certainly a quite different tone from Shevardnadze's acrimonious statement in Vienna the day before, accusing Shultz of having confronted him with a "mixed bag of old mothballed views and approaches," which caused him to return to Moscow with a bitter taste.

In the Kremlin, on Friday, Gorbachev assured his communist party comrades that Moscow was determined to bring about peace without nuclear arms by the turn of the century. But the official Novosti news agency warned at the same time that if Washington did not join Moscow's unilateral nuclear test ban, the Kremlin would have no alternative but to end it.

Time and again, the Kremlin speaks in different and even contradictory voices, with Gorbachev seemingly attempting to express a somewhat more moderate and pragmatic tone. If this seems to indicate an internal power struggle, as the Soviet leader tries to assert himself over the old-time, conservative and more hard-line party bureaucracy, time will tell.

There are other interesting signs lately which could imply some new attitudes by the Kremlin, particularly on the most sensitive question of Soviet Jewry. For the first time, last week in Vienna, Soviet officials agreed to talk with Jewish and human rights demonstrators. Thus, the Soviet envoy to the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, had a lengthy conversation with Ilana Fridman, the sister of Prisoner of Zion Ida Nudel.

Experienced Soviet Jewry activists regard such a move as a new and different approach on the part of Soviet representatives. It could well be a mere attempt to dress up and make more palatable the Kremlin's same tough policy, but it could also indicate some new thinking by Moscow's leadership.

In a similar vein, Moscow published over the weekend what purport to be new emigration regulations which are supposed to ease procedures for the obtaining of exit permits from the Soviet Union. On the face of it, these supposedly new procedures sound very similar to existing rules. But then, a great deal depends on the readiness by the Soviet authorities to implement these rules.

Thus, emergency cases would be dealt with within three days, *sic*, while less urgent cases would take about one month to be processed, with regular cases to be dealt with within six months. At a time when only a mounting international campaign could persuade the Kremlin to let Inessa Fleurova come to Israel last week, together with her husband Victor and their two daughters, in order to try and save her brother Michael Shirmar with a bone-marrow transplant, such emigration regulations, if implemented, could indeed spell a new approach.

Moscow is clearly at crucial crossroads at this stage. Only a courageous and non-conservative leadership can bring the Soviet Union and its people towards a somewhat more tolerable way of life that will also spell true coexistence with the Western world.

## IRAN ARMS

(Continued from Page One)

planning arms and spare parts to Iran," the administration officials said. "But shortly afterward, the White House accepted an Israeli offer to use its contacts in Iran to deliver American-made arms."

The White House acknowledged on Friday that it was coordinating secret efforts to win the release of American hostages. But it refused to yield to mounting pressure to disclose details.

Presidential spokesman Larry Speakes—at one point pounding the lectern in the White House briefing room—said, "We will provide a strict 'no comment' to all questions. All reporting on this subject is very, very harmful...actions are being called into question by those who don't know what they're talking about. We will provide no comment, period. No comment. No comment. Sorry."

Former hostage David Jacobsen, freed last week by his Shi'ite extremist captors in Lebanon, made an emotional pitch over the weekend to retain secrecy on the subject.

At a White House welcoming ceremony, Jacobsen shouted at reporters who were hurling questions at Reagan: "In the name of God, would you please just be responsible and back off."

"I am worried about what you might say, or somebody else, that might result in a death of somebody I love."

Over the weekend U.S. Senate leaders of both parties questioned the wisdom of the reported contacts with Iran.

They said they believed congressional investigations or hearings on the subject were likely, possibly when the 100th Congress convenes under Democratic control in January.

"What I want to make clear is that

there will be no payoff for terrorists," said Senate Republican leader Robert Dole.

Former president Jimmy Carter said Friday that if the reports of shipping arms to Iran in return for the release of hostages were true, it "might be very damaging to the integrity of our country and the veracity of our national leaders."

Speaking in Atlanta, Carter said "if terrorists come to believe that they can get an airplane load of...military supplies every time they trade in a hostage, that would not be a good precedent to set."

Yesterday's New York Times report said Robert McFarlane, then the national security adviser in the White House, had been authorized last year to explore whether Iran was ready for better relations.

At about the same time, "working through the Israelis, the administration set up an arrangement that combined arms shipments with intensified efforts to gain the release of the hostages," the Times account said.

"Several sources here and in Israel who are familiar with the contacts with Iran said the efforts to free the hostages quickly eclipsed the broader diplomatic aspects," it added.

Over the past 18 months, Israeli leaders have repeatedly denied that Israel sold any military equipment to Iran.

Yesterday, Israeli embassy officials in Washington refused to comment on what they described as "journalistic speculation."

A Danish seaman's union leader said over the weekend in Copenhagen that Danish ships had carried U.S. arms to Iran. He said one Danish vessel, the *Morsoe*, had carried 26 containers with 460 tons of military equipment from Eilat to Bandar Abbas in Iran two weeks ago.

A NEW form of industrial action which could be termed "savage strikes" started years ago with the dockers, but the dockers have been left behind. The El Al strike of 1982 was worse, the doctors' strike of 1983 was worse still and the latest nurses' strike was the most implacable and destructive of the lot.

Who will strike next? Before the nurses' draft agreement was initiated over a week ago, Ronnie Shalem of the hospital administrative workers was already growing over the radio that his constituents' salaries had been eroded by 40 per cent. There had been no such erosion, he was simply announcing that what the nurses got his men too were going to get.

Schoolteachers failed to get their wages by the 4th of the present month. They could have threatened to take industrial action if they were not paid within a week. Even that was not necessary. Under the Wage Delays Law, the Labour Court has to impose payment on the employer. All the teachers had to do was submit a complaint. They preferred to close the schools and put the children on the street.

WE WERE TOLD repeatedly during the nurses' endless wage negotiations, both by the strikers themselves and by the doctors (who were having a bad time but could not say anything about it because they had walked out on their patients during their own dispute) that the public health system is bankrupt.

They could have said more: much of the public service is bankrupt, because it is deadlocked. One monopoly (the state as an employer) faces another monopoly (the union representing the entire workforce). The result is unending conflict, a confusion of standards and a deterioration of morale.

No long-term solution can be found to this, since there is no possibility of genuine give-and-take between the two sides. Management cannot deal with wage claims on their merits because its attitude is

dominated by the repercussions any concessions will have on other sectors.

The union meanwhile has the capacity to shut down a whole social service and paralyse a major sector of the nation's life. The pressure to utilize this destructive ability to the limit is overwhelming. Why compromise? Moderate negotiators who seek a middle path are cast out of the union's leadership (as Keremita Padan was cast out by the hospital nurses).

Monopolies operate successfully in a totalitarian society because the government controls both sides, management and labour. Monopolies do not work in a democratic society because the government controls only one side, management.

The contest results in deadlock. Problems are not solved peacefully in a spirit of rational cooperation. The two parties are perpetually in a state of war, broken from time to time by a cease-fire.

This suspension of hostilities gives the opposing sides time to recruit their strength. The next round of battle is each time bloodier than the last.

SUCH a system should not go on, there are too many sufferers. The nurses claim they cannot cope with their patients' needs because they are under-staffed. Imagine the patients' situation when what nurses there are walk out and leave them unattended. The cost of this continuous bickering, this perpetual strife, this unending turmoil is immeasurable.

There is the hardship that a large

# A strike mentality that creates havoc

David Krivine

number of innocent people have to endure; the heavy expense caused by labour disputes in terms of hard cash; the demoralization that overtakes organizations riven by strife; and the waste created in the economy at large, including the worst waste of all: a brake on economic growth.

The strike is a weapon of the last resort. It should only be used in a desperate situation. Was the nurses' situation desperate? They said they were overworked, because their underpaid profession fails to attract candidates.

The latest annual Abstract, released this week by the Central Statistical Bureau, reveals that the number of patient-nights in hospital increased during the last decade by 20 per cent, while the number of nurses in employment increased by 60 per cent. This does not suggest a boycott of the occupation.

The truth is that the nurses were not seriously underpaid before the strike. They may not have been in the same league as certain privileged high-income categories (who should be earning less). What counts for purposes of comparison, however, is the mainstream employment groups—the civil servants, schoolteachers, factory workers, etc.

There are leads and lags in the race for advancement between different branches and occupations, but broadly speaking they progress at the same pace. The nurses have now

broken ranks. Other unions will follow suit, putting an end to the government's wage stabilization programme.

The end result of the strong-arm tactics adopted by the strikers in white is to dispel the illusion created by the national unity government that it is capable of handling Israel's economic problems.

The monopoly crisis is a serious one and needs serious remedies. The only control consistent with democracy is open competition. The remedy for Israel's public health service is to decentralize it, that is, break it up and expose it to the cold winds of competition.

THOSE SOLICITOUS for the preservation of public ownership need not be alarmed. The Health Ministry and Kupat Holim do not have to be dispossessed; but their services must be organized differently.

Each medical institution, whether hospital or clinic, should become a self-governing entity, ruled by its own board, keeping its own books, operating on a basis of profit-and-loss and competing with other units. Patients must be free to choose which hospital or clinic best serves their needs.

The institution must become companies owned by shareholders. Important is not to whom the shares belong but how the institutions are run. Ownership can stay with the government or Kupat Holim, provided each unit performs like any other business—expanding or con-

tracting (or closing down altogether) according to its success or failure in making a living.

The capitation-fee system that is being introduced for schools in some countries abroad should apply here too, with suitable modifications. The authorities should cease providing the institutions with lump-sum budgets. Patients should pay for their treatment and get a refund from the authorities. The money would thus no longer come from the patron above, it would come from the customer below.

Each institution would pay to its staff the salary it can afford to pay. Wage-bargaining would be the same as in the private sector. The private employer knows that if he runs a deficit, nobody will plug the gap. The workers' committee knows the same. Both negotiating parties in the private sector behave accordingly. Strikes are rare, and when they occur they are short.

This system works, but not in the centralized public sector. Not only does the ordinary citizen suffer from the monopoly system, but management and labour suffer too. They are both faced with a task they cannot fulfil.

They must be switched into a new situation. They must be made to understand that henceforth the decisions they adopt will make or break the enterprise employing them, and that if the enterprise collapses no one will rescue it under any circumstances. Then they will work together and cooperate, as is the norm in much of the private sector (especially the science-based industries).

The alternative is a continuation of the status quo—irresponsible demands, earth-shaking confrontations, bitter hostilities and the replacement of rationalism by demagoguery in the administration of our national life. That is what will happen if we cling to the phoney version of industrial democracy that rules in the public sector today.

The writer is a member of the editorial staff of The Jerusalem Post.

## READERS' LETTERS

### INACCURATE JOURNALISM?

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — On page 19 of The Jerusalem Post magazine of October 24, Alex Beryne writes: "The murder of defenceless men, women and children by Second Lieutenant William L. Calley's platoon at My Lai village in Vietnam seems to have slipped rather than been taken by the mind, rather, along with many other 'incidents' in which the 173rd Airborne Brigade was involved."

I am furious, insulted, disappointed. Beryne attacks inaccurate irresponsible journalism, the kind of journalism practised by him in the above-quoted sentence.

Calley was never a member of the 173rd Airborne Brigade. I spent the years 1964-1972 as a cadet (ROTC) and as an infantry officer, including service in Vietnam (1969-1970), and I never heard of "many other incidents" involving the 173rd Airborne Brigade. In fact, I never even heard of one "incident."

What a perfect smear! No dates, places, names, details are mentioned. Mr. Beryne just writes the word incidents in quotation marks, thereby giving the reader a knowing wink: "We know what they did. With a flourish and a snicker, Mr. Beryne has blackened the reputations of many fine soldiers. Why? Couldn't he bother to check the facts? By a suggested association with Calley and the My Lai massacre, the service of many honourable decent people has been soiled. I demand a printed apology."

JACK PASTOR  
Ex-Captain  
U.S. Army, Infantry  
Kfar Hamacabi.

Alex Beryne comments:

Mr. Pastor may be furious, insulted and disappointed. I am also sure that he was a gallant and honourable soldier—like most of the Americans who served in Vietnam—and I salute him. Unfortunately, he seems to be ignorant of some of the incidents that were thoroughly aired in the press during the Seventies.

There is no room in a humorous column for footnotes or a bibliography, so I am grateful to Mr. Pastor for giving me the opportunity to detail some of the names and places in my "perfect smear." He, too, can check the facts by referring to The New York Times, 1972-81 *passim*, the newspapers of the Knight chain which featured the story prominently, and The New Republic. An even more authoritative source is the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Herbert v. Lano*, 1978.

First of all, I did not say that Lt. Calley's platoon had been part of the 173rd. Read the sentence again.

The charges against the brigade were first made during Calley's trial in 1970 by Lt. Col. Anthony Herbert who was then stationed at Fort McPherson, Georgia. He claimed that there had been many other atrocities besides My Lai and that the

behaviour of Calley's platoon was not at all atypical. Herbert maintained that though he had reported such incidents while he had been in Vietnam, no action had been taken and that when he had demanded that something be done to punish the perpetrators, he had been relieved of his command.

Herbert, I should point out, was no pinko peacenik, had been cited by General Matthew Ridgway as the most outstanding American enlisted man in the Korean War and had then risen from the ranks to command a battalion in Vietnam, where, in less than two months, he won the Silver Star and three Bronze Stars.

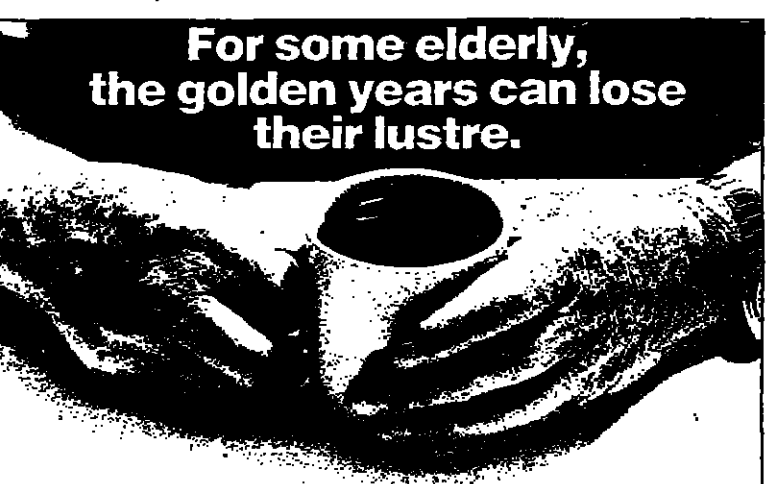
Another of Herbert's accusations was that his immediate superior had been involved in "body bombings," throwing prisoners out of helicopters to their deaths; and Colonel J. Ross Franklin was, in fact, removed from his command following these charges.

The most serious accusation concerned the murder of defenceless Viet Cong suspects at Cu Loi village on February 14, 1969. Confirmation that Herbert had protested to his superiors about the incident came from Bill Hill, one of Herbert's company commanders, who had heard it "on battalion net," and from Captain Jack Richter, Sergeant First Class Otto Morgan and Lieutenant Colonel Henry Boyer, who had been present at the time.

During the army's belated investigation, which followed Herbert going public with his charges, it was also established that some villagers had had their throats cut, others had been tortured in ingenious and gruesome fashion and that one Private First Class who had shot a suspect had actually cut the man's ears off while he was still alive.

Ralph Scott, of the army's Criminal Investigation Division, concluded in the Cu Loi case that eight Vietnamese had been murdered during an operation carried out by the Second Battalion, 503rd Infantry, 173rd Airborne Brigade, but the information was not released until the U.S. Supreme Court ordered it to be made available.

A full account of Lt. Col. Herbert's libel action against CBS, 60 Minutes, Barry Lando and Mike Wallace can be found in Stephan Lesher's *Media Unbound* (Houghton Mifflin, 1982).



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### IMPROVING WOMEN'S STATUS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — "Busting some myths" by Beth Uval (October 28) bust my patience with Alice Shalvi's misdirected zeal. She cites three main factors impeding true equality in Israel, which are, in fact, the three last bastions of women's real challenge:

1. The fact that their main sphere of activity is the home and family.

2. The centrality of the family in Israel.

3. The fact that women revert to their traditional roles during war.

Does Alice Shalvi realize that, without intending to, she makes these three factors sound like cardinal sins? I would point out that "the Israeli divorce rate is considerably lower than in the U.S. as a positive result of these factors."

In our materialistic age, it is unfortunately true that "unless you also have some income, you do not have status." The cruel, profit-obsessed streak in man has alienated woman from her nobility and taught her to feel a slave where she could have felt a queen. In her innate wisdom, she

knows that true recompense wasn't financial, but spiritual—but he denied her both. Now she despises herself for "only" mothering. With her male career, she dons a hard coat of toughness, unbecoming and aggressive. Her attitude is: why should I? The answer was: for love. Now, it must be: for money.

If Alice Shalvi and the Women's Network struggled for the Knesset to legislate for salaries to full-time mothers and homemakers, not only would their status be improved and self-esteem restored, but the state's financial burden of delinquency, criminality and mental illness might eventually decrease.

"Behind every successful man, there's his mother," went the adage. Now, behind every "successful" mother, there are some children, trampled underfoot. You can't conduct war without inflicting injury—but in the sex war, our casualty rate is colossal and all the victims are children.

NORMA WALDEN  
Jerusalem.

NURSES' STRIKE

what applies to the army and the police should also apply to nurses, doctors, electrical workers, postal employees, El Al staff, etc.

Netanya. JACOB ROSIN

Sir, — The nurses' strike has wreaked havoc with our image of the so-called "sisters of mercy."

The nurses were ready to jeopardize our newly stable economy for the sake of a few extra shekels, and has anybody coming from the U.S. ever heard of a 32-hour week for the nurses there, even though they are in a better position to make such demands?

Much time will pass before our nurses will regain public respect.

Jerusalem. YEHUDIT BREEN

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